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SUBJECT: FY 2006 IVLP- NOMINATION AND PART I BIODATA FOR MR.
DAMIEN CONARE - PRINCIPAL CANDIDATE FOR INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM.

REF:

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ECA-OFFICE: E/VGE

PROG-AGENCY-NAME:

POST-PROJ-ID: 286

ECA-PROJ-NO:

PROJ-NAME: FY 2006 - INDIVIDUAL Program - Damien Conare

START MEMO PROJ-DESC:

END MEMO PROJ-DESC:

PROJ-TYPE: Individual

PROG-TYPE: IV Grant Visitor

FY: 2006

DEPART-POST:

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STATUS: N

ORIGINATOR: P

SUBJ-DISC: Foreign Policy

START BIO:

PREFIX: Mr.

F-NAME: Damien

M-NAME:

L-NAME: Conare

SUFFIX:

POSITION-CODE: 0

PRINCIPAL?: Yes

M-ADDR1: Courrier de la Planete

M-ADDR2: Domaine Lavalette

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M-CITY: Montpellier

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M-CNTRY: France

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M-ADDRTYPE: B

GENDER: M

DOB: 02/23/1971

MAR-STAT: M

BIRTH-CITY: Suresnes

BIRTH-CNTRY: France

CITIZ-CNTRY: France

RES-CNTRY: France

START MEMO POSITION:

Publishing Manager, "Courrier de la Planete" magazine
(economics, development, environment), since 1999

END MEMO POSITION:

START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

1998-1999 - Journalist "Circuits Culture" magazine

(agricultural distribution section)
1996-1997 - Technical sub-editor "Afrique Agriculture"
magazine
1996 - Technical sub-editor "Maison de la Nature"
END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
START MEMO US-TRAVEL:
Washington state - 1999 for tourism
END MEMO US-TRAVEL:
START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
Numerous travels in Europe and Africa for tourism and business
END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
START MEMO EDUCATION:
- 1994 - College of Agricultural Engineering (ISTOM, Cergy-
Pontoise), agronomics, management, agricultural development;
specialized training in vegetable production at the Larenstein
International Agricultural College (Deventer, NL)
- 1992 - Bachelor's degree in biochemistry; specialization in
vegetable biology
END MEMO EDUCATION:
START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
- Many articles in the magazines he has been working for.
- Files for UNESCO on sustainable development and GMOs
(nominee has provided input for UNESCO's educational files
known as "MOST", a program promoting international,
comparative and policy-relevant research on contemporary
social transformation and issues of global importance).
END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

END MEMO SPEC-CONSID:
FIRST-LANG: French
ENGL-READ: 4
ENGL-SPEAK: 4
ENGL-COMP: 4
START MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:
Because Damien Conare is a member of the far-left who is
nonetheless open to new ideas, a trip to the U.S. would allow
him to better understand the reasoning behind U.S. policies,
the main actors which influence these policies, and the impact
of grassroots movements. It will further allow him the
opportunity to make useful contacts for future issues of his
magazine; contacts who would be going through the same
experience in the U.S. as he would be and would therefore
perhaps be likely to contribute pieces that are more fair to
U.S. policy. Damien Conare's interests relate to international
relations in agriculture, environment, and development. On all
these issues, the United States plays an important role on the
world scene; a better knowledge of the US will lead him to
better report and take into account American views when
dealing with themes where misunderstandings between France and
the U.S. have prevented an open dialogue; these are quite
prevalent in the fields covered by Conare: Food safety, GMOs,
climate change, biodiversity, aid.
END MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:
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NOMINATING-OFFICER: Sylvie Vacheret
START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
"The Courrier de la Planete," of which Damien Conare is
Publishing Manager, is a quarterly magazine that is
distributed to approximately 3000 experts in international
economic relations and development issues. It was first
created in 1991 by an environmental association. Although this
association has disappeared, the magazine still exists and has
obtained the support of the French Institute for Sustainable
Development due to the its quality and serious and balanced
approach of the issues. Though each issue focuses on a
different theme, they are nonetheless always related to
sustainable development and international relations.
The philosophy behind this publication is that international
solidarity is not just a matter of words or easy solutions but
rather is made up of issues that are complex and that one must
continually discuss and strive to implement. For this reason,
in nearly every issue "The Courrier de la Planete" publishes
articles by U.S. authors who come from different political
backgrounds and represent a variety of professional
institutions such as the Carnegie Endowment for International
Peace or Harvard University.
As publishing manager for this magazine, Damien Conare's
objective is to better understand all the facets of a specific
issue and how each policy is arrived at in order to present to
the readers a definitive explanation of the problem as well as
the possible solutions. This program would give him a first-
hand, and more balanced, understanding of the factors that
shape American foreign and economic policies and expose him to
the intellectuals and actors in U.S. policy making. This is

important to promoting U.S. interests because he is a member of the political left, which has often been overly critical of U.S. policy. By providing him with an opportunity to experience U.S. goodwill and explaining to him, in person, the factors that influence U.S. policy, he will be imbued with a greater understanding and appreciation for why the U.S. selects the policies that it does.

Where will he be in ten years? If this magazine continues to be successful and the left comes back to power in France, he will take an even more influential role in political circles. Yet even if this is not the case, it is important to achieving our goals in the economic/ environmental sector to have third party supporters whose open-minded approaches to the issues facing us are bolstered by clear-minded analyses through a widely read publication.

As a point of reference, the IV we nominated in this same group in Montpellier about 15 years ago went on to become an influential counselor to former Prime Minister Jospin and is now presiding over the French Institute for Sustainable Development and holding the title of Director of "Courrier de la Planete."

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

NOM-OFF: PA - U.S. Embassy Paris, France

SPEAKER?: No

NOTIFY-EMB: No

MEDIA?: No

HOME-STAY: No

HOME-HOSP?: No

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PERSON-ID: 472

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CITIZ-CNTRY-ID: FR

RES-CNTRY-ID: FR

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US-AGENCY-AMT2: 0

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